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Mayor Schor Announces Interfaith Advisory Council

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today announced that he has formally established the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Council. The council will offer their collective wisdom in areas that impact the quality of life for Lansing residents. They will bring vast knowledge and experience in vital areas such as neighborhood engagement, health, social services and community partnerships. The Council will continue to advance unity in the Lansing community.

"I am thrilled to announce the formation of the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Council," said Mayor Andy Schor. "Lansing's rich and diverse history is reflected in the strength of its faith community. Our faith community is a driving force that makes Lansing the inviting and caring city that is today."

Mayor Schor is pleased to announce the following members of the council:

- Bishop Samuel Duncan, of the Lansing Church of God in Christ
- Pastor Brad Dyrness of the South Church of the Nazarene
- Rev. Iris Cotton, Pastor of Fearless Faith Church
- Rev. Lila Martin, Trinity AME Church
- Bishop Aaron Milton, Jesus of Nazareth Church
- Elder. Damon Milton, Voice of Power Deliverance Ministry
- Pastor Rosalinda Hernandez, I am Ministries
- Pastor Sean Holland, Epicenter of Worship
- Rev. Stanley Jenkins, First Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Dr. Melvin T. Jones, Union Baptist Church
- Rabbi Michael Zimmerman, Kehillat Israel Congregation
- Bishop Alfred P. Singleton II, the Bread House
- Imam Sohail Chaudhry, Islamic Center
- Rabbi Amy Bigman, Shaarey Zedek
- Father Fred Thelen, Cristo Rey Church
- Pastor Stephanie Butler, Church of Greater Lansing
- Rev. Fred McGlone, New Covenant Church

Bishop Alfred P. Singleton of the Bread House Church was elected by his peers to be the first chairperson the council. Rabbi Michael Zimmerman of Kehillat Israel Congregation was elected as vice chairman of the council. Bishop Singleton stated he was honored to be selected as the council's first leader and is hopeful that great and impactful things will come out of the council.

The council's recommendations are not binding but will afford the Mayor an opportunity to consider ideas and other possible courses of action in key areas of Lansing. Bishop David Maxwell is the staffer, as the Director of the Office of Community and Faith Based Initiatives, who will act as the mayoral liaison. Marilyn Plummer and Matthew Schraft will also provide support from Mayor Schor's Office.